

# YOUNG ARTISTS CONCERTO COMPETITION GUIDELINES - SOLO

## SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026, 12 P.M.



University of Northern Iowa

Davis Hall at the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center

8201 Dakota Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa

### ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to piano, string, woodwind, brass, and percussion students enrolled in grades eight through twelve. Additionally, the applicants must be residents of Iowa. Previous first place winners of this competition are ineligible.

### REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS – Read Carefully!

- Applicants must be prepared to perform *from memory* on the day of competition, one fast movement of a standard solo concerto for which there is a published orchestral accompaniment.
- Each applicant will be allowed eight minutes to play for the judges.
- Applicants are required to provide their own accompanist and music. If necessary and upon request, names of local accompanists will be provided by the YACC chairperson. Requests MUST be a month in advance of competition. (Neither The Young Artists Committee nor the wcf symphony is financially responsible for accompanists.)
- One published copy of the solo/piano score with appropriate cuts clearly marked, must be provided for the judges. Measure numbers are not necessary. Failure to mark cuts will be disqualification. - NO PHOTOCOPIES or DOWNLOAD COPIES ALLOWED.

### PRIZES

- First prize - \$500
- Second prize - \$350
- Third prize - \$200
- Prize monies are PER ENTRY

The judges reserve the right to award only those prizes that meet the standards expected in the competition. The winner may be invited to perform with the wcf symphony during the 2026 season at the discretion of Artistic Director Jason Weinberger.

The application and nonrefundable entry fee of \$40 must be postmarked no later than February 10, 2026. (Fees will only be returned if competition cannot be held due to lack of applicants or inclement weather.)

### DATES & TIMES

Audition times – Applicants will be notified of their audition time by mid-February. Warm up times – Assigned warm-up times will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Competition – Begins at 10:00 AM

### FURTHER INFORMATION

All primary communications will be via email. Questions or concerns may be directed to:

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